

THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF EXTRA UTERINE PREGNANCY.
By JOHN STRAHAN, M.D., M.Ch., M.A.O., Belfast, Ireland. P.
Blakiston, Son & Co., Philadelphia, 1889.

To the author of this volume has been awarded the first prize, amounting to \$250, of the William F. Jenks prize fund. The writer has added nothing in the way of original research to the subject, and accepts the theories and conclusions of Mr. Tait to such an extent that the book may fairly be taken as a representation of Mr. Tait's views. The writer speaks at length on the subject of diagnosis before rupture, and is disposed to credit the diagnosis of some of the most distinguished gynecologists in this respect. The author attaches great respect to a sign of pregnancy brought forward by Dr. Rasch, "fluctuation in some part or corner of the uterus, wherever the ovum happened to be located." We believe Dr. Strahan is among the very few who have found this to be of value, and he certainly should offer some reason for his faith in his own or others' experience.

The writer speaks of the treatment "by the electrolysis party" as being "snuffed out." He brings forward no evidence that Mr. Tait has not used against the use of electricity. In fact he refers in some cases to Mr. Tait's book for analysis of cases, such for instance as that of the writer's which he refers to as one which Lawson Tait has proved quite inconclusive, and states he has not the space to consider it.

We may also pertinently say with Dr. Reeve that it is a misrepresentation by implication to write that "no electric current will restrain bleeding from an abdominal artery," and it is grossly unfair to write that "serious accidents have followed the use of electricity, even without puncture," without stating what the accidents were, or giving references to the reports of them.

The book appears to be written by one whose knowledge was theoretical.

EXTRA-UTERINE PREGNANCY.—A discussion reprinted from the Transactions of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Vol. 1, 1888, with an appendix reviewing Mr. Lawson Tait's Ectopic Gestation and Pelvic Hæmatocele, Philadelphia. William J. Dorman. 1889.

The *pathology* of the subject is considered by Dr. Franklyn Townsend and is an excellent resumé of the subject. He also submits the report of a case of lithopædion of fifty years' duration.

The *diagnosis* of extra-uterine pregnancy is given by Dr. Joseph

Price and is well presented. We observe he does not mention the cervix being open among the symptoms.

The treatment, by Dr. E. E. Montgomery, is ably discussed. He well says that in the decision of the value of electricity we cannot accept the dicta of men who are ignorant of the manner in which it should be used, or of those who condemn it without a trial.

Among the other papers are:

Observations, Clinical, Pathological and Surgical, by W. H. Wathen, M.D. 'The doctor lays stress upon the fact that "fixation of an impregnated ovum cannot occur unless it be held in one place long enough for such attachments to form." He thus accounts for the difficulties of an abdominal pregnancy which he believes cannot occur if the villous or placental attachments are entirely separated. 'This is very plausible.

A Critique of its Management by J. M. Baldy, M.D.

The Technique of the Operation by John B. Deavor, M.D.

Its Management when the Fetus Survives the Tubal Rupture and goes on to the Period of Viability by L. S. McMurtry, M.D.

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KURZER LEISTADEN FÜR DIE PUNCTION DER PLEURA-UND PERITONEAL-
ERGUSSE. Von Dr. B. NAUNYN. Strassburg, K. J. Trüber. 1889.
New York, G. E. Stechert.

SHORT GUIDE TO TAPPING THE PLEURAL AND PERITONEAL CAVITIES.

This pamphlet deals with the indications and technique of tapping for pleurisy and ascites; the object of the author being to combine together in one work all the information necessary to the practitioner attempting these operative measures.

The directions are as short and plain as possible. The indications for tapping have received special attention; the instruments, their care, and the method of handling them are described; and a number of valuable hints, gathered from the large experience of the author, are everywhere interspersed throughout the text, to which latter fact the value of the publication is principally due. The instrument preferred by the author is Potain's troicart.